

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 27, 2007, has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

The Action sets forth a Restriction Requirement between Group I, including claims 1-14 directed to a toothbrush, and Group II, including claims 15-22 directed to a method for creating a whitening effect on teeth. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, including claims 1-14 directed to a toothbrush.

The Action further sets forth an Election of Species Requirement between the following patentably distinct species: Figures 1, 2A and 3. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the species including Figure 1. Applicant hereby requests that Figures 2 and 4, which are not subject to the Election of Species Requirement, be considered as part of this election. The elected species supports the subject matter recited in claims 1-14.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications directed to the non-elected claims, including claims 15-22 identified as Group II, and subject matter supported by the non-elected species of Figures 2A and 3.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

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